

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Application Ser. No. 09/763,511	)	
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PROCESSING WOOD ACCORDING TO	)	
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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated July 29, 2003 and the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated November 13, 2003, please enter the following amendment as supplemental to or, if appropriate, in substitution of the Response to Restriction Requirement and Amendment dated October 29, 2003.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.



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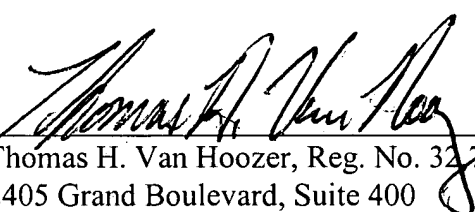
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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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## CLAIMS AS AMENDED

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